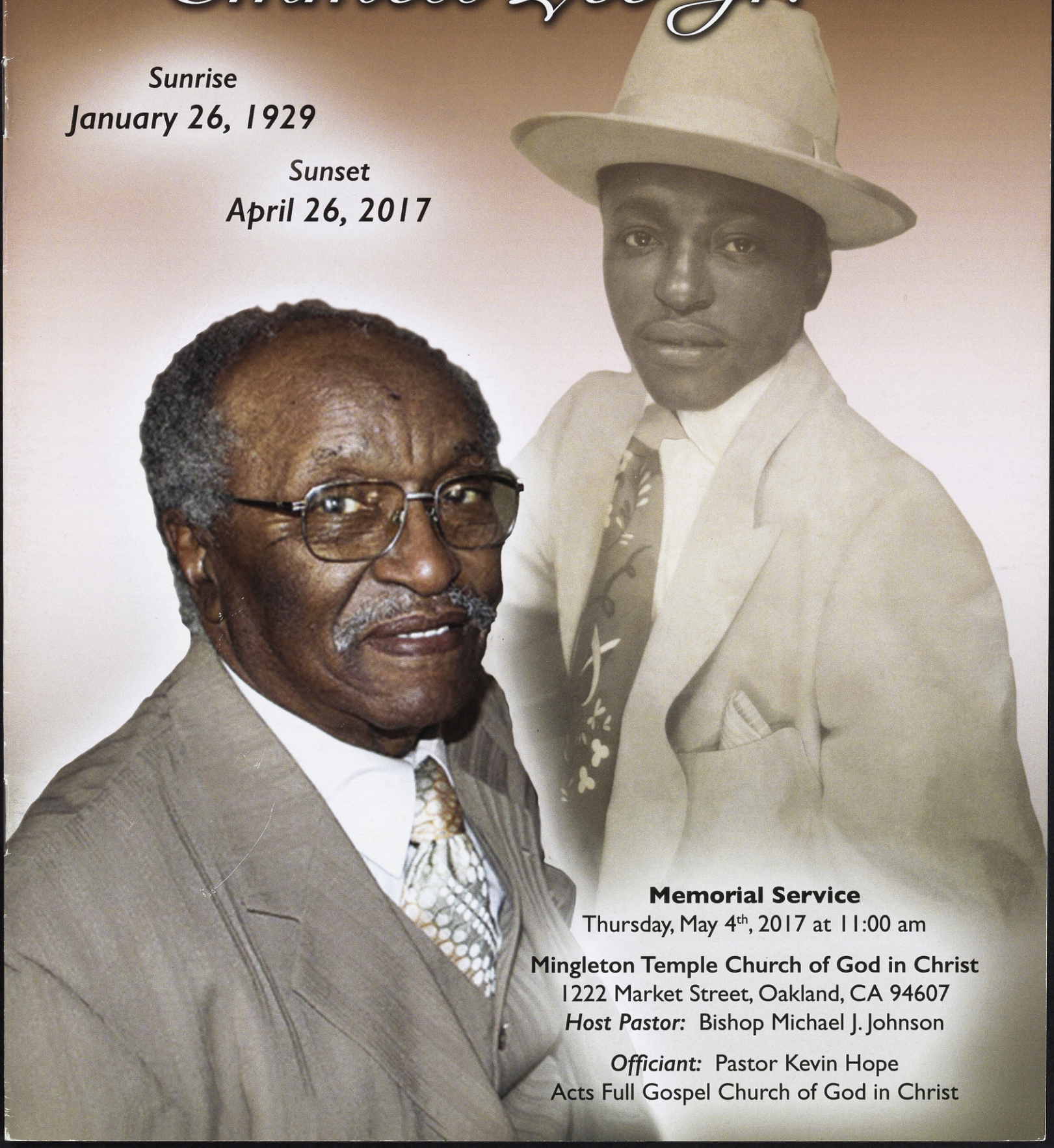
# *Homegoing Celebration of*

# *Emmett Lee Jr.*

***Sunrise***
***January 26, 1929***

***Sunset***
***April 26, 2017***



**Memorial Service**
Thursday, May 4th, 2017 at 11:00 am

**Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ**
1222 Market Street, Oakland, CA 94607
***Host Pastor:*** Bishop Michael J. Johnson

***Officiant:*** Pastor Kevin Hope
Acts Full Gospel Church of God in Christ

# *Order of Service*
# *for*
# *Emmett Lee Jr.*

**OFFICIATING:**
**Pastor Kevin Hope**
**Acts Full Gospel Church of God in Christ**

**Processional** .....Kenny McMillon - Keyboard

**Invocation** .....Evangelist B. Ray Valrey

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament – Psalms 103: 1-19.....Elder Cedric Slack

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58 .....Pastor Patrice MucCular

**Musical Selection**.....Alfreda Lyons-Campbell

**Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences**.....Charlotte Guinn

**Words of Expression** (2 minutes each).....Family & Friends

**Family Tribute**.....Grandchildren

**Obituary Reading** .....Joyce F. Riley- Hester

**Musical Selection**.....Donnell G. Garrett

**Eulogy**.....Bishop Michael Johnson
Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ

**Recessional**.....C.P. Bannon Mortuary -in charge

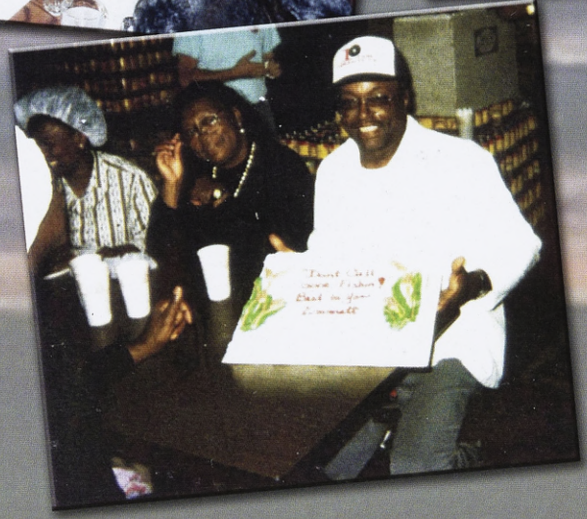
# *Reflections of Life*

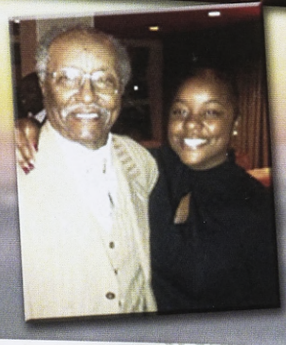
Emmett Lee Jr. was born in Marion, Louisiana on January 26, 1929 to Emmett Lee Sr. and Annie Pearson-Lee. He was born number 12 of 17 children of their union. He often spoke about being no stranger to hard work. He remarked that his father was a hard man and working for him was brutal. He left Marion in 1951 with his nephew Bobby Lee and lived with his sister Alice in Harbor Homes at the Port of Oakland, California. He attended Holy Temple Church of God in Christ along with his hometown sweetheart Knether Riley. They courted while he worked odd jobs and went through counseling with their pastor the late Elder Monroe Jones. He secured a job at American Home Foods and shortly thereafter was joined in holy matrimony with Knether during his lunch hour on January 8, 1954 at Oakland City Hall. He purchased his home in 1959 and resided there until 2015 when illness required him to live in a facility that could better accommodate his specific needs.

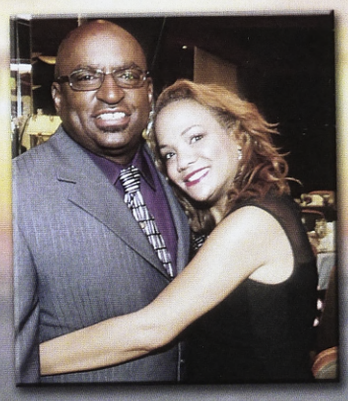
He was mechanically inclined. He loved tinkering in the garage. He could fix anything: cars, TVs, radios, and bikes. He had a shop in the garage and neighbors would pay him to fix their stuff. He would buy a manual for a car and he would use it to rebuild motors and transmissions. He also loved working in the yard — he had a green thumb, growing various vegetables. He enjoyed fishing, baseball, roller derby, exercising and dancing. He also enjoyed cooking, especially barbequing. He read the newspaper every day and followed sports; the Giant's Baseball Team was his favorite! He had a real sense of humor and often used words and phrases like, "Jiminy Cricket!", "Holy Toledo!" and "Bust my britches!" His favorite comedians were Moms Mabley, Pigmeat Markham – "Here Comes the Judge", and Red Skelton.

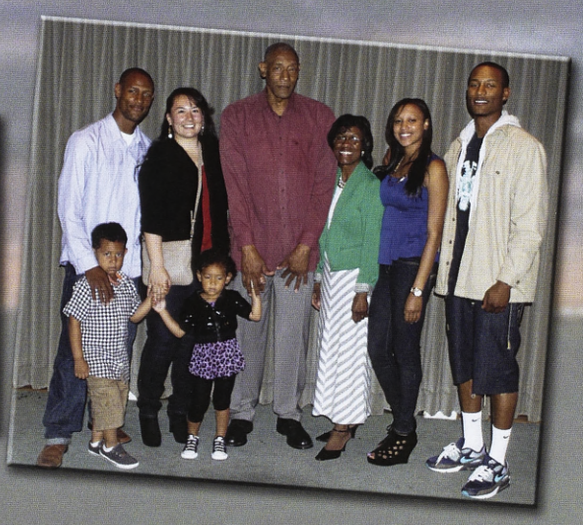
He retired from American Home Food in 1993 after 39 years of employment. Soon after, he started working for the City of Oakland – East Oakland Senior Center in Brookfield. He cared for the facility, picked up food from Safeway grocery store to give away to the community and led an exercise class for over 20 years. His exercise class size grew from about 20 to over 100 attendees! The Oakland Tribune did a story about his exercise class twice. His exercise participants range in age from 55 to 101 years old! He worked out daily and was strong as an ox even to the end! Emmett rededicated his life to the Lord in 2000, and joined Bethel Baptist Church under Reverend Herbert Guice in Oakland, CA. He regularly attended Bible study and believed in being on time!

He especially loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and had special names for many of them. He was a blessed man: the last of his sibling and the first of his immediate family to pass. He leaves to mourn his death: His wife of 63 years, Knether Lee; three (3) sons Earl W. (Nicole) Lee residing in Antioch, CA, Cedric K. Lee, and Terrence Hands both residing in Oakland, CA; three (3) daughters Arteria V. (Wilbert) Davenport , Bernetha (Rene) Stephens both residing in Hayward, CA and Lavonda R. Bryant, residing in Mission Viejo, CA; twelve (12) grandsons Antonio L. (Chanette) Campbell, Jason W. (Jolene) Lee, Phillip M. (Cristina) Davenport, David E. Bryant, Erik K. Lee, Victor L. Bryant, Andrew L. Davenport, Arman H. (Samantha) Bryant, Patrick L. Bryant, Quentin E. Bryant, Justus S. Lee and Terrence Hands Jr.; six (6) granddaughters, Randi R. (James) Richard, Asia M. Lee, Reina M. Stephens, Angelica K. Davenport, Shekinah C.V. Bryant; and Ta'Liyah Hands; Thirteen (13) greatgrandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.







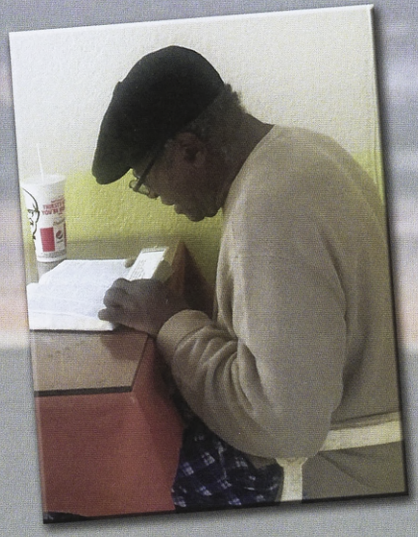


# *Dance of Orion (Light Reflected)*

*The light from the stars (Like those in the constellation Orion) that we see in the night is a light that shined more than a thousand lifetimes ago. Many of those stars have long since passed. And yet the light of their existence shines forever.*

*I still see a face.*
*Light reflected so I can see.*
*More than just a trace,*
*There placed in my memory.*
*I still hear a voice,*
*A sound given to my ear.*
*I listen without a choice,*
*In my mind so very clear.*
*A sound and a light,*
*Forever will it be.*
*More than what might,*
*No ending I can see.*
*When I do see a face,*
*Orion allows me to know.*
*More than just a trace,*
*We have somewhere else to go.*
*By more than some chance,*
*When I am taken by the sun.*
*Stars glisten and dance.*
*Nothing really is ever done.*

by Cedric Lee



## PALLBEARERS

Antonio Luis Campbell Jr.
David Earl Bryant
Quentin Eugene Bryant
Philip Michael Davenport
Andrew Lawrence Davenport
Jason Wendel Lee

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Lee Arthur Riley
Wilbert Davenport
Harold Riley
Robert I. Riley
Jimmy Andrews
James Riley

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the Lee family, we would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, texts, flowers, donations and visits during our time of bereavement. We are truly grateful for the outpour of love and generousity. It has been an amazing source of comfort to us. God bless you all!

*A Special Thanks to:*

Mingleton Temple Church Family, Acts Full Gospel Church, and Glad Tiding, Diane's Care Home, Mark Ellerson, Robyn Osborne, Charlotte Guinn and Peggy Watts.

## INTERMENT

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA

## REPAST

West Oakland Senior Center
1729 Adeline Street
Oakland, CA

## ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

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Oakland, CA 94607

## PROGRAM DESIGN:

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